

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANN KIRKPATRICK

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2013

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, due to my attendance at the memorial service in Arizona for the Prescott Fire Department's Granite Mountain Hotshots, I will miss votes today, July 9, 2013.

HONORING MS. QUIN'NITA COBBINS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Quin'Nita Cobbins who is a dedicated worker making changes to the Holmes County community.

Quin'Nita Cobbins is a native of Mississippi and has completed her primary and secondary education in the Holmes County School District. In 2010, she graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor's Degree in history from Fisk University and completed a master's degree in history at the University of Georgia in 2012.

Ms. Cobbins has served Holmes County by working with the Community Students Learning Center in equipping students with tools needed to expand their worldview, enriching their knowledge on academic subjects, and encouraging college prep. Working with school age children and adults, she used her study abroad experience to construct a class that exposed students to the history, culture, and language found in Spain. Students learned the history of Spain's expansion and colonization in the supposedly "New World" and why we have a growing Spanish-speaking population. In addition, students, both young and old, learned how to form simple conversations in Spanish that will be beneficial to them as the U.S. demographics change. Students not only became new "bilingual" speakers but were able to think more globally.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Quin'Nita Cobbins for her sincere dedication and determination in bringing back knowledge to our community.

HONORING MR. JULIUS CIACCIA ON BECOMING PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CLEAN WATER AGENCIES

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2013

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Mr. Julius Ciaccia, Executive Director of the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, on his election as President of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, NACWA.

Mr. Ciaccia is an accomplished leader and committed environmental steward who has played a prominent role in the water industry, exemplifying what it means to be a public

servant. He is ideally suited to serve as President of one of the Nation's leading proponents of responsible policies that advance clean water. Mr. Ciaccia has served the people of the Cleveland area for decades, and in this new role, will continue to ensure that the Nation's clean water agencies continue to protect public health and improve the environment.

Mr. Ciaccia began his career in public utilities in 1977 when he was appointed as Assistant Director of the Public Utilities Department for the City of Cleveland. In 1979 he joined the leadership of the City's Division of Water where he served as both Deputy Commissioner and Commissioner until 2004.

During his over 30 years with the City of Cleveland's Division of Water, Mr. Ciaccia oversaw the management of over \$1 billion worth of capital improvement projects and maintained the agency's very favorable financial position. He was appointed Director of the City's Department of Public Utilities in 2004 exercising oversight of the water, sewer collection and public power systems, with a focus on developing comprehensive financial plans and supporting revenue enhancement initiatives.

Mr. Ciaccia began his current role at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) in 2007. At the Regional Sewer District in his current role at the District, he oversees all aspects of managing one of the nation's largest wastewater management utilities. Under his leadership, the District has received two awards from the Commission on Economic Inclusion including a 2009 award for Supplier Diversity which highlights the success of his initiative to craft and implement a supplier inclusion program. In 2012 the NEORS was awarded by the Commission for Senior Management Inclusion, recognizing the diversity of senior staff.

As the District's Executive Director, Mr. Ciaccia was responsible for confirming their consent decree for a long-term control plan to significantly reduce overflows from combined sewers, as well as the successful development and implementation of a new Regional Stormwater Management Program. Among Mr. Ciaccia's many accomplishments as Executive Director of NEORS is the transformation of the District's culture to one of transparency and exceptional financial management.

As a member of NACWA's Board of Directors, Mr. Ciaccia has served as the Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President. Mr. Ciaccia has selflessly shared his time, passion, energy and ideas to carry out the objectives of the Clean Water Act.

It is my sincere pleasure to congratulate Julius Ciaccia on becoming President of NACWA. I am certain his actions will ensure continued water quality progress for the Cleveland area, the State of Ohio and the Nation.

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HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2013

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent during the week of June 17, 2013. If I were present, I would have voted on the following.

Monday, June 17, 2013:

Rollcall No. 245: Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 876, "yea."

Rollcall No. 246: Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 253, "yea."

Rollcall No. 247: Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 862, "yea."

Tuesday, June 18, 2013:

Rollcall No. 248: Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule for H.R. 1947 and 1797, "nay."

Rollcall No. 249: Motion on Agreeing to the Resolution on the Rule for H.R. 1947 and 1797, "nay."

Rollcall No. 250: Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1151, "yea."

Rollcall No. 251: Final Passage of H.R. 1797—Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, "nay."

Rollcall No. 252: H.R. 1896—To amend part D of title IV of the Social Security Act to ensure that the United States can comply fully with the obligations of the Hague Convention of 23 November 2007 on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance, "nay."

Wednesday June 19, 2013:

Rollcall No. 253: Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule for H.R. 1947, "nay."

Rollcall No. 254: Motion on Agreeing to the Resolution on the Rule for H.R. 1947, "nay."

Rollcall No. 255: Motion on Approving the Journal, "yea."

Rollcall No. 256: McGovern of Massachusetts Part B Amendment No. 1, "aye."

Rollcall No. 257: Foxx of North Carolina Part B Amendment No. 3, "no."

Rollcall No. 258: Broun of Georgia Part B Amendment No. 5, "no."

Rollcall No. 259: Blumenauer of Oregon Part B Amendment No. 8, "aye."

Rollcall No. 260: Blumenauer of Oregon Part B Amendment No. 9, "aye."

Rollcall No. 261: Kaptur of Ohio Part B Amendment No. 14, "aye."

Rollcall No. 262: Royce of California Part B Amendment No. 15, "no."

Rollcall No. 263: Chabot of Ohio Part B Amendment No. 16, "no."

Thursday June 20, 2013:

Rollcall No. 264: Brooks of Alabama Part B Amendment No. 18, "no."

Rollcall No. 265: Butterfield of North Carolina Part B Amendment No. 25, "aye."

Rollcall No. 266: Marino of Pennsylvania Part B Amendment No. 26, "no."

Rollcall No. 267: Schweikert of Arizona Part B Amendment No. 30, "no."

Rollcall No. 268: Tierney of Massachusetts Part B Amendment No. 32, "aye."

Rollcall No. 269: Polis of Colorado Part B Amendment No. 37, "aye."

Rollcall No. 270: Garamendi of California Part B Amendment No. 38, "aye."

Rollcall No. 271: Marino of Pennsylvania Part B Amendment No. 41, "no."

Rollcall No. 272: McClintock of California Part B Amendment No. 43, "no."

Rollcall No. 273: Gibson of New York Part B Amendment No. 44, "aye."

Rollcall No. 274: Walorski of Indiana Part B Amendment No. 45, "no."

Rollcall No. 275: Courtney of Connecticut Part B Amendment No. 46, "aye."

Rollcall No. 276: Kind of Wisconsin Part B Amendment No. 47, "no."

Rollcall No. 277: Carney of Delaware Part B Amendment No. 48, "aye."